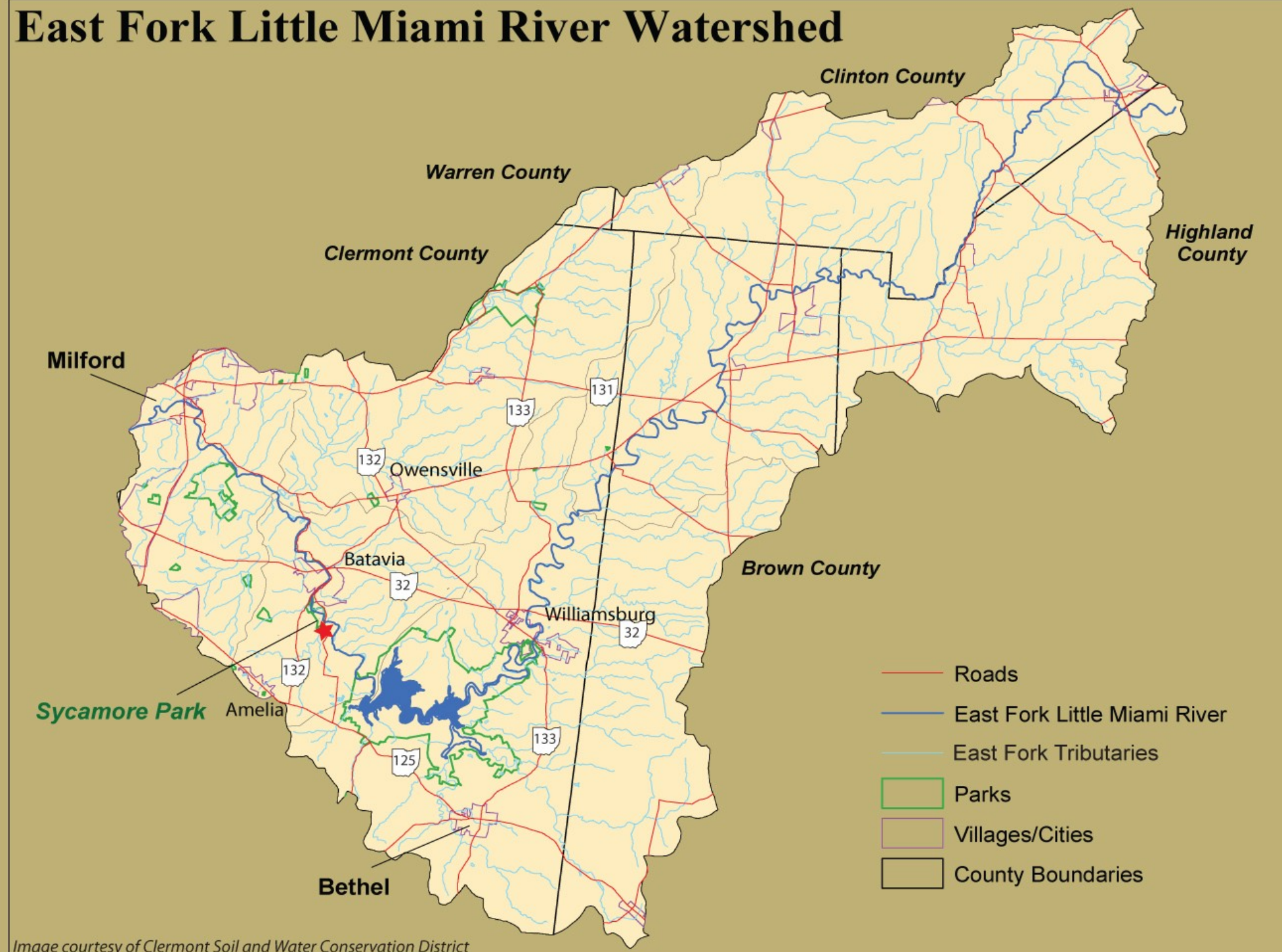


What is a Watershed?

A watershed refers to the total land area that is drained by a river, lake, or stream. The East Fork Watershed contains parts of five counties. By protecting and conserving riparian forests on the smaller streams in the watershed, the overall health of the East Fork can be improved.

East Fork Little Miami River Watershed



The East Fork is the longest tributary of the Little Miami River

Length	81.7 miles
Drainage Area	501 square miles
Counties in Watershed	5



Riparian Forests

A riparian forest is a wooded area along a stream or riverbank. These streamside forests are ecologically important. They provide habitat, store flood water, increase oxygen levels in the water, reduce soil erosion and filter out water pollutants.

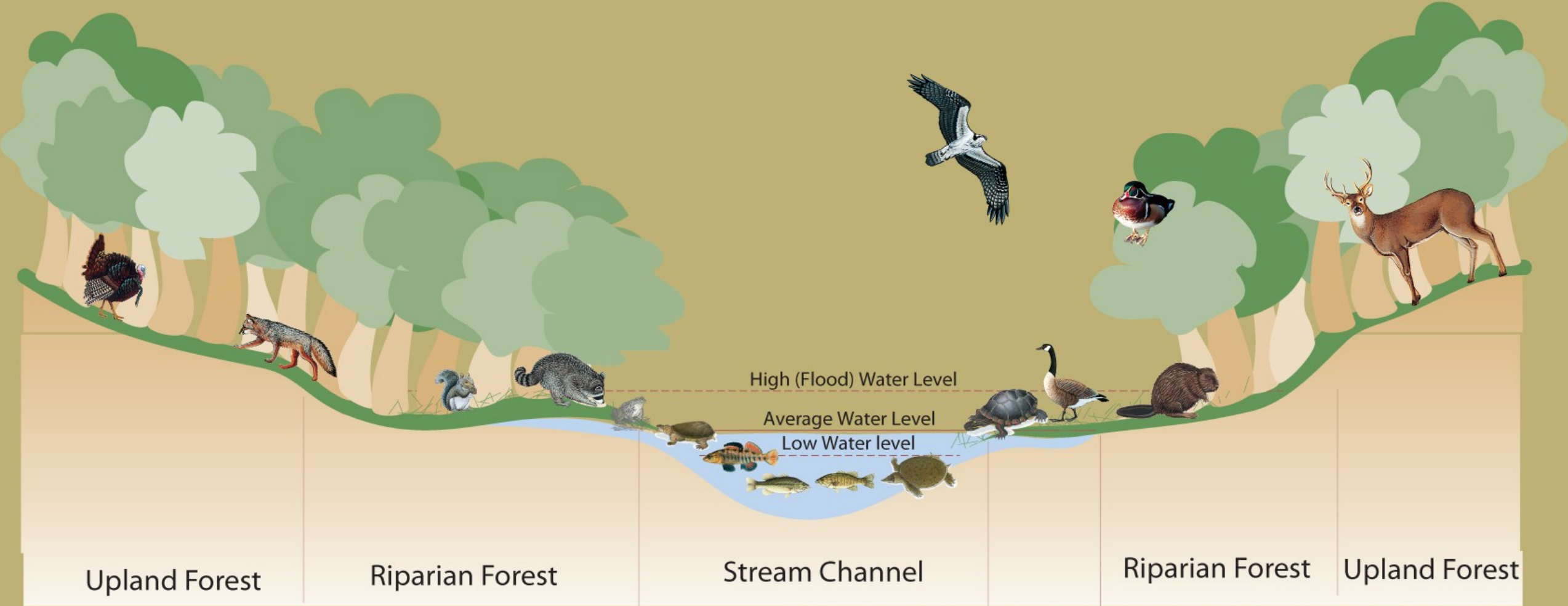
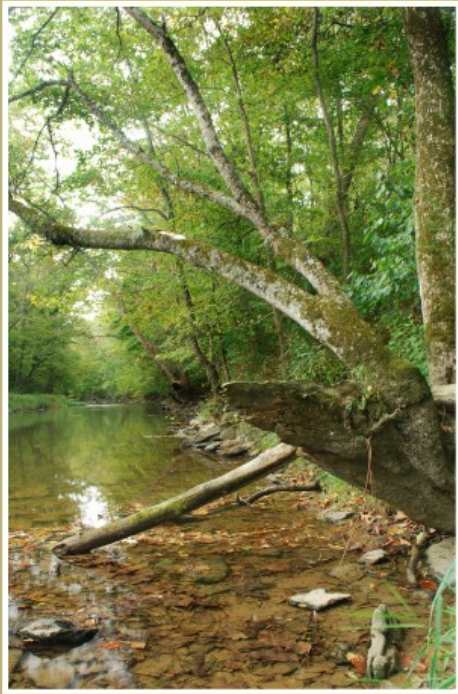
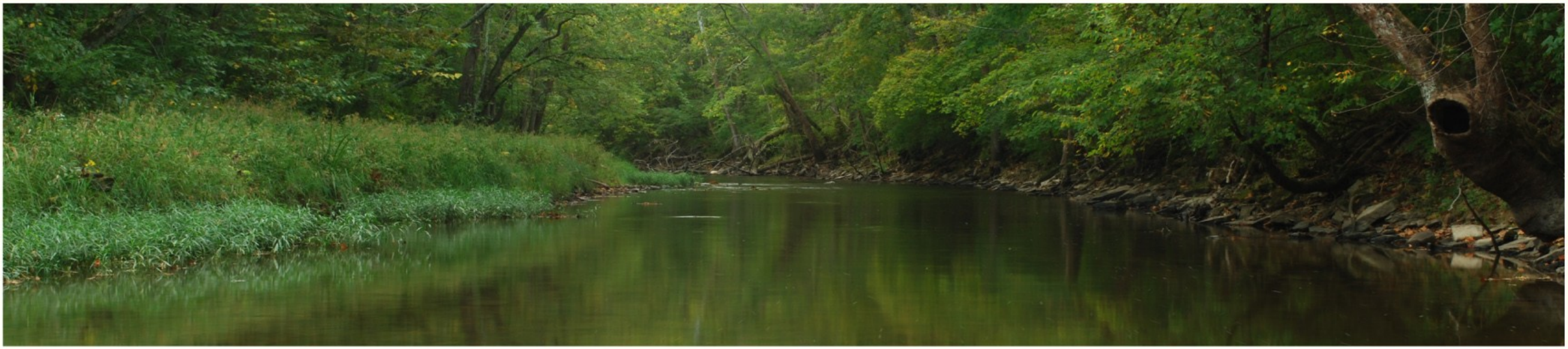


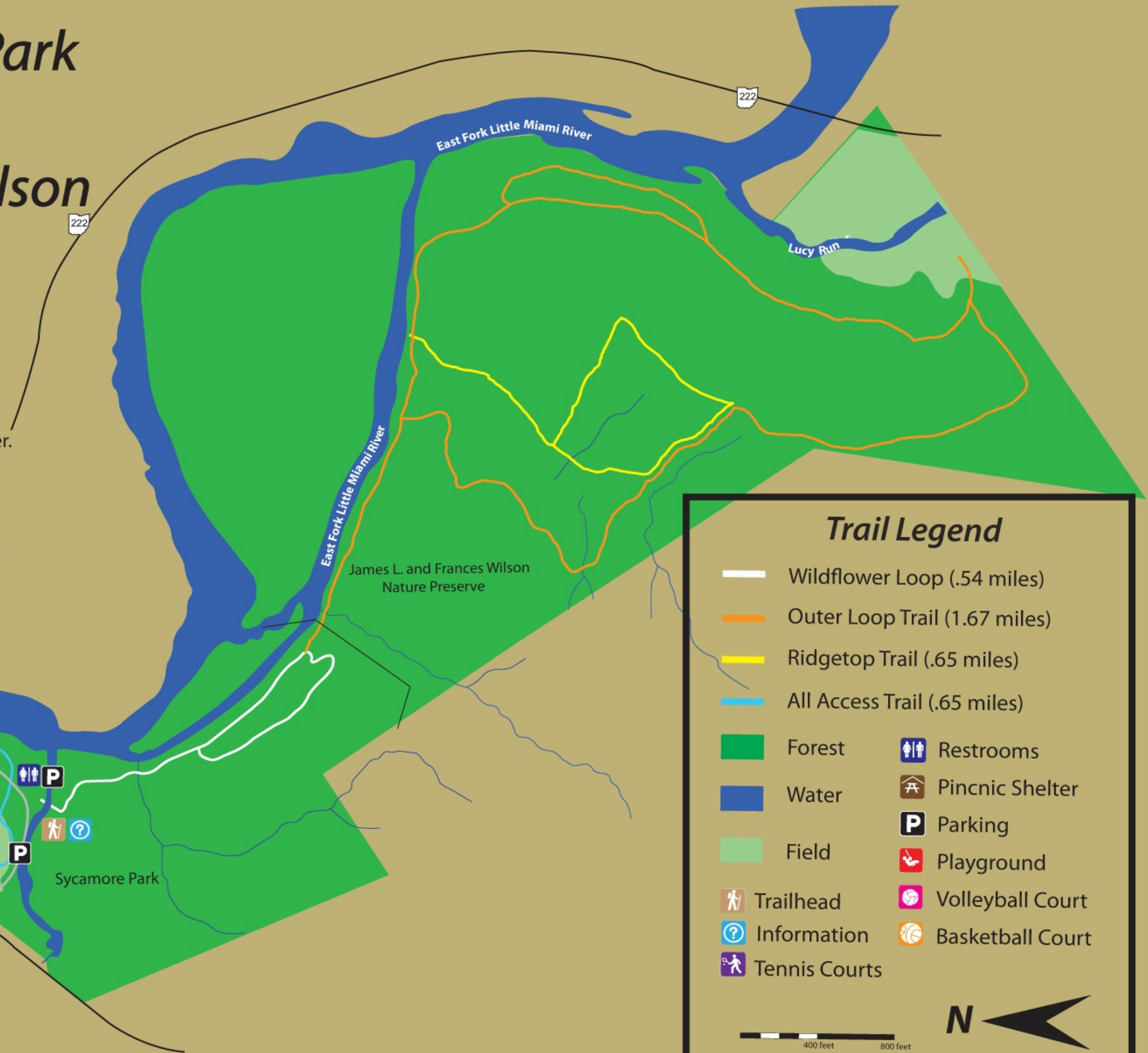
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Welcome to Sycamore Park and the James L. and Frances Wilson Nature Preserve

Sycamore Park and the Wilson Nature Preserve comprise 158 acres of mostly forested land protecting over two miles of riparian forests along the East Fork of the Little Miami River.

The park and preserve are home to a wide variety of spring wildflowers and migrating birds. Wood ducks, white-tailed deer, screech owls, wild turkey, red fox, and red-tailed hawks all make their home in the park.



Trail Legend

- Wildflower Loop (.54 miles)
- Outer Loop Trail (1.67 miles)
- Ridgetop Trail (.65 miles)
- All Access Trail (.65 miles)
- Forest
- Water
- Field
- Trailhead
- Information
- Tennis Courts
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter
- Parking
- Playground
- Volleyball Court
- Basketball Court